

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 642

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HATFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 88 “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS”**

WHEREAS, the maintenance and mowing of meadows is necessary for the visibility of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and for the public health, safety and welfare in general, and

WHEREAS, the it is the intent and desire of the Township Commissioners through this Ordinance to regulate the mowing of meadows subject to the terms set forth herein,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

SECTION I. The Code of Hatfield Township, Chapter 88 “Brush, Grass and Weeds”: is hereby amended as follows:

A. Section 88-3 “Declaration of Nuisance” is hereby amended so that the existing text is deleted and replaced with the following:

No person owning or occupying any property within Hatfield Township shall permit grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 10 inches within 50 ft. of a property line and/or right-of-way or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen; nor shall any person permit any grass or weeds or any other vegetation whatsoever to remain upon any lot or premises which is a habitation for any rats, mice or rodents of that nature which would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the Township. Notwithstanding the provisions above, all grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose on every property shall be mowed in its entirety so as to not exceed a height of 10 inches at least twice each year: once by May 15, and once by Sept 15.

Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon a lot or premises in Hatfield Township in violation of any provision of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and welfare of the residents of Hatfield Township.

SECTION II. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION III. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or

unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or on the provisions of the Hatfield Township Code.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days following its legal enactment.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** this 19th day of December 2012.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
HATFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Andrew Haines, Secretary

Thomas C. Zipfel, President